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December 17, 2015

**Via E-Filing**

Donna Nickerson, Secretary  
Delaware Public Service Commission  
861 Silver Lake Boulevard  
Cannon Building, Suite 100  
Dover, DE 19904

Dear Ms. Nickerson:

**RE: Interconnection/Resale Agreement  
between Verizon Delaware LLC  
and Talk America Services, LLC**

In accordance with §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), Verizon Delaware LLC is herewith filing the attached Interconnection Agreement effective as of December 19, 2014 between Verizon Delaware LLC and Talk America Services, LLC governing interconnection arrangements in the state of Delaware. A summary of the key provisions is attached. The Agreement is submitted for Commission approval.

The Act at Section 252(e)(2)(a)(i) and Section 252(e)(2)(a)(ii) states that the Agreement must not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and must be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. This Agreement complies with both of those subsections of the Act. Verizon Delaware LLC has been authorized to file this agreement on Talk America Services, LLC's behalf as indicated in Attachment A to this filing. Talk America Services, LLC has been granted conditional certification in Delaware, as indicated in Attachment B, and is represented by:

Jeffery W. Small  
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sybil D. Poiras". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" at the beginning.

Enclosure

cc: Gregory M. Romano, Esquire  
Mr. David L. Bonar, Public Advocate  
Jeffery W. Small, Talk America Services, LLC

Attachment A



I hereby authorize Verizon Delaware Inc. to file this agreement on **Talk America Services, LLC's** behalf.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Printed:

Sharon Thomas

Title:

Consultant

Date:

12-4-15

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**ATTACHMENT B**



**PROVIDER OF LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE STATE CERTIFICATION**

Verizon requires evidence of your state certification as a provider of local exchange service. Please provide your certificate/order/case number of authorization and the State Commission approval date granting the authorization on this form and return it with the document signature page(s). Make a separate copy of the form for each state. If your certification is not complete, please provide the order/case number in which your certification has been filed.

**Talk America Services, LLC**

**State:** **DELAWARE**

**Certificate/Order/Case Number:** **DELAWARE PSC DKT 14-0417 ORDER #8685**

**Commission Approval Date:** **DECEMBER 16, 2014**

**Key Provisions of the Agreement between**  
**Verizon Delaware LLC and Talk America Services, LLC**  
**Effective November 1, 2015**

Key provisions of the Agreement provide for:

- (i) Compensation for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic at rates specified in the Agreement;
- (ii) Unbundled loops – providing Talk America Services, LLC access to all existing Verizon Delaware LLC customers - - based on the rate methodology specified in the Agreement;
- (iii) Customers to retain their telephone numbers when they switch to Talk America Services, LLC subject to future Commission determination of a method of interim number portability cost recovery consistent with any final FCC or Commission determination on such funding mechanisms;
- (iv) Including Talk America Services, LLC's customers' primary listings in the same manner as those of Verizon Delaware LLC customers' listings in directories and directory assistance;
- (v) The resale of Verizon Delaware LLC telecommunications services for a wholesale discount of 16.0% or 20.0% depending upon whether Talk America Services, LLC provides its own operator services; and
- (vi) The provision of 911 services to all customers